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# OTTAWA FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

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*Zoology* : H. B. SMALL, W. P. LETT.

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This Club has for five years been engaged in developing the Natural History of this district, and in fostering a taste for its further study. The success which has hitherto attended its efforts encourages it in appealing to the public for support and assistance in the continuance of its labors.

The Council, while prepared to use every means available for the advancement of the Club, would impress upon the members that this can only be secured in the highest degree by their energetic co-operation. In addition to that active work in the field which should be the pleasure as well as the duty of each member, there are many ways in which great assistance can be afforded to the Council.

With the increased membership to be readily obtained by united efforts, the Excursions, Soirées and Classes would be correspondingly enlarged and the Club publications rendered more extensive and valuable. There are also many persons, who, remaining non-members, might still be induced to report facts of importance coming under their observation, if they were fully aware of the aid which they could thus render, and were assured that such communications would be eagerly welcomed and all enquiries promptly answered.

During the coming season there will be held each month, if possible, an *Excursion* of the Club. The Council will endeavor to visit the most attractive points and to make the excursions as pleasant and instructive as possible to all who may join them. *Sub-excursions* will be held periodically, which will be working parties for the investigation of the localities selected for a visit.

In order that members (or others interested in the objects of the Club) may know to whom to apply for information or assistance *Leaders* (see first page) have been appointed to whom they may refer, and who will organize and conduct working parties, and keep a record of the work done in the respective branches.

Members are urged to communicate at once with the Leaders of those branches in which they are specially interested, and they are solicited to keep careful notes of any facts observed by them for the use of the Leaders in preparing their reports to the Council.

As the Club has undertaken, at the request of the American Ornithologists' Union, to collect and tabulate data relating to the migrations of birds, it is of great importance that each member should note the first and last appearance of recognized species, even if they be only the most common ones, and to transmit their notes to the Leaders in Ornithology.

Any one wishing to join the Club is referred to Clause No. 13 of Constitution. The annual subscription is only *one dollar*, and entitles a member to a copy of each publication issued during the year, to attend all soirées free of charge and to purchase excursion tickets at reduced rates.

TRANSACTIONS are published annually which contain the valuable Reports, Lists and Papers prepared for the Club. Four numbers have been already issued, furnishing a more copious record of local natural history than has ever been published elsewhere in Canada, and which will be rendered still more complete by the issue within a few weeks of the Transactions for the past year. Copies of Nos. 2, 3 and 4 may be obtained from the Librarian at 25 cents each, or a complete set (Nos. 1 to 4) for \$1.00.

W. H. HARRINGTON,  
*Secretary.*

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## CONSTITUTION.

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1. *Name and Object.*—This Club shall be called the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club, and its object shall be the study of the Natural History of this Locality.

2. *Officers.*—The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, first and second Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who, together with three other members of the Club, shall form a Council, all of whom shall be elected annually, and shall be eligible for re-election, and who shall have the management of all the business of the Club. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the Council during the year the same may be filled by the election of a successor at any of its regular meetings.

3. *Auditors.*—There shall also be two Auditors, elected annually to examine the Treasurer's accounts for the following year and report thereon at the next annual meeting.

4. *President and Vice-Presidents.*—The President shall direct all the business of the Club, and preside at all meetings of the Club and Council; his duties, in the event of his absence, devolving on the Vice Presidents in their order.

5. *Secretary.*—The Secretary shall give previous notice to each member of the Club of every meeting of the Club, and to each member of the Council of every meeting of the Council; shall make and keep a true record of the Proceedings of all Meetings of the Club and of the Council, have custody of the Constitution, By-laws and Records of the Club, and conduct its general correspondence.

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6. *Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall be charged with the collection and custody of the funds of the Club, and keep a regular account thereof, which shall always be open to the inspection of the Council. He shall also submit at each annual meeting a statement showing the financial condition of the Club.

7. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall have charge of all publications of the Club and shall distribute the same under the directions of the Council. He shall also have the custody of all books and papers belonging to the Club, and shall supervise their circulation among the members.

8. *Council.*—The Council shall, as business may require, meet from time to time at the call of the President, or of any two officers; shall control all matters affecting the welfare of the Club, subject to this Constitution; shall have full control of the funds of the Club, and shall report its proceedings to the members at the Annual Meeting.

9. *Annual Meeting.*—The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the Third Tuesday in March, at which, in addition to other business, the Annual Report of the Council shall be read, and the Council and Auditors for the following year elected, by ballot after nomination, by a majority of the members present.

10. *Special Meetings.*—A Special General Meeting of the Club may be called by the Council; and shall be called on requisition of not less than ten members, specifying the business they wish brought before the meeting. The Council shall call the meeting within fourteen days from the receipt of the requisition, giving one week's notice. No other business shall be transacted than that mentioned in the notice.

11. *Conduct of Meetings.*—The presence of ten members shall be required to constitute any general meeting of the Club, and of three members to constitute a meeting of the Council. All meetings shall be conducted under such by-laws and rules of procedure as may from time to time be adopted.

12. *Proceedings.*—Excursions in Summer, and evening meetings and classes of instruction in Winter, shall be held, and the transactions of the Club shall be periodically published; all arrangements for which shall be made by the Council.

13. *Members.*—Any lady or gentleman desiring to join the Club shall send a written application, signed by the applicant and endorsed by the recommendation of two members, to the Secretary, and if approved shall be elected at the next meeting of the Council. Members desiring to leave the Club must previously settle all dues and signify their intention in writing to the Secretary.

14. *Corresponding Members.*—The Council shall have the power of electing Corresponding Members, who shall be persons not residing in Ottawa or its immediate vicinity, but who may be desirous of promoting the objects of the Club. Corresponding members shall not be required to pay membership fees.

15. *Annual Fee.*—The annual membership fee shall be one dollar, payable in advance, due on the third Tuesday in March, and no member in arrears shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Club. New members to pay the fee for the current year upon election. The payment of the annual fee to entitle a member to receive a copy of the Transactions, as published, and to admission to the Club Soirees without further charge.

16. *Amendments.*—This Constitution may not be changed or amended except by a special meeting of the Club called for that purpose, and by a two-third vote of the members present.

